

# United States History

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**DESCRIPTION** History was never meant to be understood by memorizing a million facts. Rather, through enduring, yet simple, questions you can teach real meaning. These student-centered inquiries and authentic projects empower students to appreciate the past by equipping them to be passionate and active participants in the future of America.

**Driving Question: How can the past inspire and equip me to impact the future?**

**STANDARDS** Quality Social Studies instruction focuses on the following standards...

1. Critically analyze historical events and sources
2. Form independent views on dynamics and implications
3. Write clear and thought-provoking thesis statements
4. Ask questions and engage in constructive debate
5. Relate historical developments to current issues shaping the world we live in.

**Units** Unit 1: America's Found Values-*Who Founded America's values?*  
Unit 2: America's Immigrant Story-*What is our American story?*  
Unit 3: American Protest Unit-*How Patriotic is Protest?*  
Unit 4: American Hero Unit: *What defines an American Hero?*

**GRADING SCALE** Grading Weights:

- Process = 30%
- Class Activities
- Content = 70%
- Test
  - Projects

Grading Scale:

- 100 = A+  
92 = A  
90 = A-  
88 = B+  
82 = B  
80 = B-  
78 = C+  
72 = C  
70 = C-  
68 = D+  
62 = D  
60 = D-  
50 = F